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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claim 63 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 62 as follows:

Claims 1-33 (canceled)

34. (original): A system for generating complex conditions formed by a Boolean combination of relations comprising:

an arithmetic unit which receives at least two operands from a register file;

instruction control lines derived from a registered instruction in a processor pipeline, the instruction control lines including conditional execution control lines to control conditional operation as specified in an instruction;

the arithmetic unit producing a result and a latched arithmetic scalar condition state;

a first latch for holding the arithmetic scalar condition state for the instruction after the instruction has finished its execution state;

a second latch connected to the conditional execution control lines for holding instruction control signals for the instruction after the instruction has finished its execution state;

an arithmetic condition flag (ACF) generation unit for providing a Boolean combination of a present selected state with a previous state; and

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an ACF latch for storing the previous state and feeding the previous state back to the ACF generation unit.

- 35. (original): The system of claim 34 wherein the ACF latch is a programmer visible latch.
- 36. (original): The system of claim 34 further comprising a multiplexer connected to receive said Boolean combination from the ACF generation unit and to controllably switch said Boolean combination or said AFC latch to branch logic in a sequence processor (SP).
- 37. (original): The system of claim 34 further comprising an arithmetic scalar flag (ASF) latch switchably connected to the said first latch arithmetic scalar condition state output of the arithmetic unit.
- 38. (original): The system of claim 37 wherein the switchable connection of the said first latch arithmetic scalar condition state output of the arithmetic unit and the ASF latch comprises a controllable multiplexer.
- 39. (original): The system of claim 38 wherein an output of the controllable multiplexer controllably switches the arithmetic scalar condition state or the ASF latch output to the branch logic in a sequence processor (SP).
- 40. (original): The system of claim 37 wherein the ASF latch is a programmer visible latch.

Claims 41-52 (canceled)

53. (original): A system for generating complex conditions comprising: an arithmetic unit which receives at least two operands from a register file;

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instruction control lines derived from a registered instruction in a processor pipeline, the instruction control lines including conditional execution control lines to control conditional operation as specified in an instruction;

the arithmetic unit producing a result and a latched arithmetic scalar condition state;

a first latch for holding the arithmetic scalar condition state for the instruction after the instruction has finished its execution state;

a second latch connected to the conditional execution control lines for holding instruction control signals for the instruction after the instruction has finished its execution state;

an arithmetic condition flag (ACF) generation unit for providing a present selected state of a plurality of arithmetic condition flags (ACFs); and

an ACF latch for storing a previous state for the ACFs and feeding the previous state back to the ACF generation unit.

Claims 54 and 55 (canceled)

- 56. (previously presented): The system of claim 53 wherein the ACF latch is a programmer visible latch.
- 57. (previously presented): The system of claim 53 further comprising a multiplexer connected to receive said present selected state from the ACF generation unit and to controllably switch said Boolean combination or said AFC latch to branch logic in a sequence processor (SP).
- 58. (previously presented): The system of claim 53 further comprising an arithmetic scalar flag (ASF) latch switchably connected to the first latch arithmetic scalar condition state output of the arithmetic unit.

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- 59. (previously presented): The system of claim 58 wherein the switchable connection of the first latch arithmetic scalar condition state output of the arithmetic unit and the ASF latch comprises a controllable multiplexer.
- 60. (previously presented): The system of claim 59 wherein an output of the controllable multiplexer controllably switches the arithmetic scalar condition state or the ASF latch output to the branch logic in a sequence processor (SP).
- 61. (previously presented): The system of claim 58 wherein the ASF latch is a programmer visible latch.
 - 62. (currently amended): A processing system comprising:

an arithmetic unit receiving at least two operands from a register file, performing an operation on the at least two operands, and producing a result and an arithmetic scalar condition state;

conditional execution control signals derived from an instruction in an instruction pipeline to control conditional operation as specified in the instruction; and

an arithmetic condition flag (ACF) generation unit for receiving both the conditional execution control signals and the arithmetic scalar condition state, and for providing a present selected state of a plurality of arithmetic condition flags (ACFs); and

a storage unit for storing a previous state of the ACFs and for feeding the previous state

back to the ACF generation unit.

63. (cancelled)

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- 64. (previously presented): The system of claim 62 wherein the arithmetic scalar condition state includes at least one of a carry flag, an overflow flag, a sign flag and a zero flag.
- 65. (previously presented): The system of claim 62 wherein said instruction is a compare instruction.
- 66. (previously presented): The system of claim 62 further comprising a sequence processor including instruction branch control logic, wherein the ACFs are provided to the branch control logic.